

15 box[.], and which method uses mouldings which are arranged in
16 said cutouts with said laminates in such a way that, in the
17 cured state, the laminates have the desired shape after
18 removal of said mouldings.

C Please add new claim 43 as follows.

B7 13 43. Method according to Claim ~~41~~¹², wherein said mouldings
2 consist of aluminum.

REMARKS

Applicant's counsel thanks the Examiner for the very careful and thorough examination given the application. The specification has been amended as requested in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Office action. Other amendments to the specification have been made for clarity and conformity. No new matter has been added.

Regarding Paragraph 3 of the Office action, the referenced feature has been shown in an amended Fig. 2. Amended Fig. 2 is enclosed showing the amendment in red; a clean copy of amended Fig. 2 is also enclosed. The Examiner's approval of amended Fig. 2 is requested.

The corrections requested in Paragraphs 4-5 of the Office action have been made.

Regarding the remaining paragraphs of the Office action, the Examiner stated in Paragraph 13 that claims 28 and 42 would be allowable if rewritten. Accordingly, the content of claims 27 and 28 has been added to claim 22 and the unobjected

portion of claim 42 has been added to claim 41; thus independent claims 22 and 41 should now be allowable. All the other claims remaining in the case depend from claim 22 or claim 41 and should accordingly be allowable. As noted above, the other claims have been cancelled.

Since the Examiner indicated that with this rewriting the claims would be allowable, a notice of allowance is now respectfully requested.

On page 1 of the initialled PTO-1449 returned by the Examiner, the "Other Reference" listed at the bottom of the page was not initialled. It is requested that this reference be considered and that a copy of PTO-1449 with this reference being initialled be returned with the next communication.

A pair of Small Entity Statements was filed on March 30, 1998, but the PTO's computer still lists this application as a Large Entity. A copy of the Small Entity Statements filed March 30, 1998, along with the cover letter and a copy of the post card showing receipt by the PTO, is enclosed herewith. It is again requested that Small Entity Status be accorded this application and that the PTO's computer be updated promptly to show small entity status so that the Notice of Allowance will not contain an error in the amount of issue fee due.

Despite an earlier special request in writing, Applicant's counsel never received a copy of Form 903 - Notice of Acceptance of Application. Through the Examiner's courtesy it is requested that an extra copy of Form 903 be enclosed with the next communication.

If any fees are required by this communication, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. 30605.

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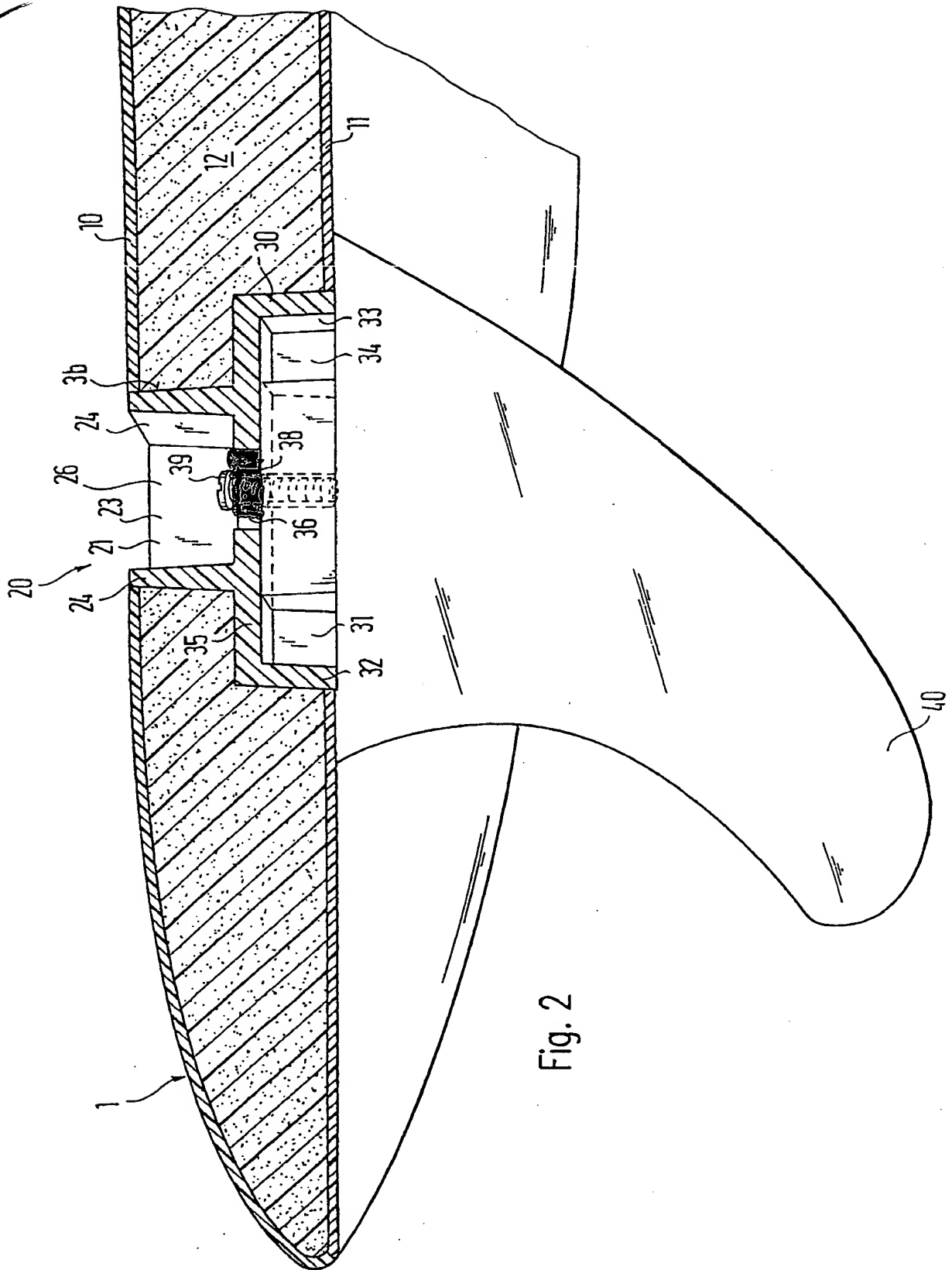


Fig. 2